## **Strawberry Iced Tea**

## **Ingredients**

1 pound fresh strawberries, trimmed and sliced, or 16 ounces frozen unsweetened whole strawberries, thawed

3 tablespoons loose black tea

2 tablespoons sugar

4 teaspoons finely shredded lemon peel

7 cups boiling water

Ice cubes

Fresh whole strawberries (optional)

## **How to Prepare**

- 1. Place strawberries in a large heatproof pitcher or glass measure. Crush berries. Add loose tea, sugar, and lemon peel. Add boiling water. Let mixture steep for 3 to 5 minutes. Pour mixture through a fine mesh sieve or cheesecloth; discard strawberry pulp, lemon peel, and tea leaves. Cool tea mixture at room temperature about 2 hours. Store tea in the refrigerator.
- 2. To serve, fill tall glasses with ice. Pour tea into glasses. If desired, add a fresh whole strawberry to each glass.

